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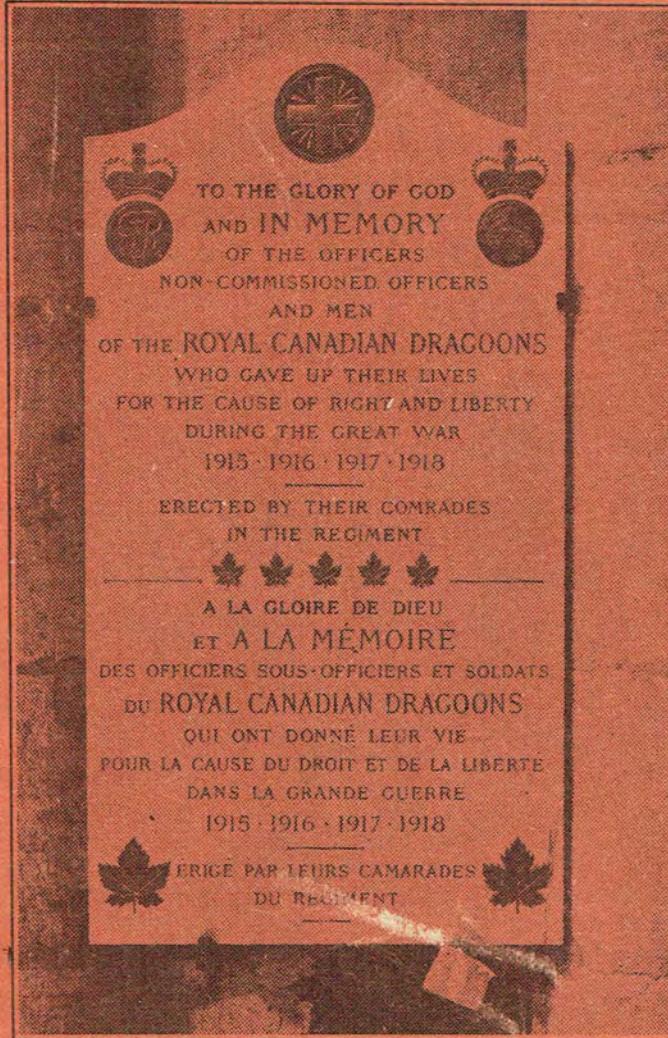
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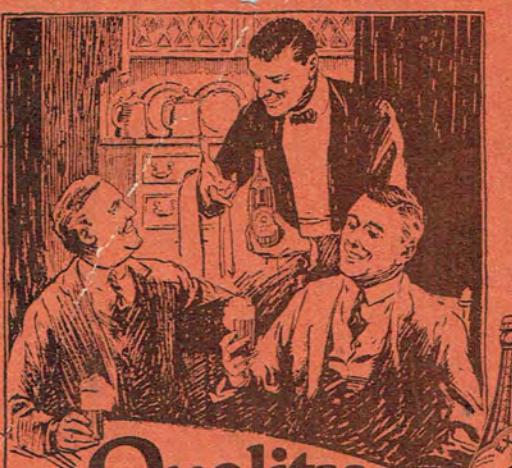
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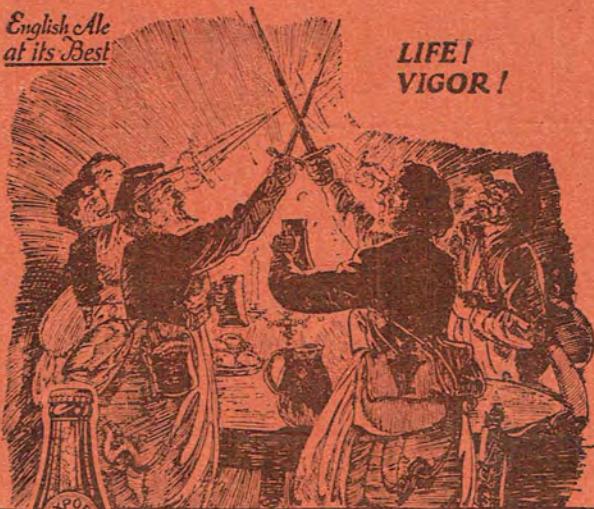
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## Here and There.

According to Sgt. Sprosttin it was a good thing the whistle sounded when it did on the day of the Sgts. Mess game with H.Q. This player remarked after the game, "that if the game lasted another twenty minutes, he could have equalled, as Charlie Smith was just about played out. We wonder."

A two days' series of tactical exercises was held last month from the Royal School of Cavalry, with 44 officers from M.D. No. 4 taking part. These exercises comprised field work from 9 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening on Saturday. The field work was again resumed on Sunday morning and afternoon. The theory of the work was a series of large army operations, carried out without troops, with various situations arising, which were worked out, discussed in the evening, and the new situations arising in this war game worked out on the following day. The whole series of tactical exercises proved very instructive, and were carried out under Brig.-General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C.; Lt. Col. R. O. Alexander, D.S.O., G.S.O.; Lt. Col. E. W. Pope, C.M.G., R.C.R.; Lt. Col. H. Eastman, M.S.C., Scottish Light Dragoons; Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D., and Major W. Neilson, D.S.O., of H.Q. Staff M.D. No. 4.

The annual Inter-Troop Road Race will be held on Nov. 14th. The course will be about 5 miles. The trophy, a silver cup, presented by the Y.M.C.A. was first won in 1920 by the 1st Troop. In 1921 it was also won by the same troop, but in 1922 the Third troop was victorious and all are now anxiously awaiting the result of the coming race.

The Sgts. Mess has received a photo from the personnel of H.M.S. "Valerian" and it now decorates the wall of the anteroom of the Mess with that of the personnel of their sister ship H.M.S. "Wistaria."

Two officers and eighteen other ranks of the McGill O.T.C. visited the Royal School of Cavalry for the week end Nov. 3rd and 4th. The work carried out during the stay consisted of routine at stables, dismounted parades—sword and foot drill. Lectures on the points of the horse and grooming, the organization of a Cavalry Regiment and the employment of cavalry and mounted parade in the riding school. The instructors were Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell, I.C.,

R.C.D.; Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, I.C., R.C.D., and Sgt. Instr. G. C. Hopkinson, I.C., R.C.D. The weather was exceptionally fine, the stay was enjoyed by all ranks and the next trip is being keenly looked forward to.

The following letter has been received from Chief Stoker "General" J. W. Booth:

"On behalf of the Chief and Petty Officers of H.M.S. "Valerian" I wish to thank you most heartily for the arrangements made by the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess at St. Johns for our visit to that place. There is not the slightest doubt that every member of the party thoroughly enjoyed himself, and on leaving Montreal left behind happy remembrances of the cordial reception extended to them. The photograph of the Ship's Company, as promised, is being forwarded under a separate cover.

A full size English Billiard Table has been erected in the Recreation Room by the Brunswick Balke Co., who have also kindly presented a Silver Cup to be competed for in a handicap tournament which will commence shortly.

The same firm has also covered and completely overhauled the pool table and it is now in excellent shape. The pool fiends should have a good time during the long winter evenings.

One hundred and thirty-six trees are to be planted in and around barracks. Holes have been dug and the trees, American ash, maple, poplar and pine, are being planted as they arrive. The next generation will miss the fun of ploughing through the snow and

beating their way against the wind on their way to and from barracks.

"The Goat" is in receipt of a new monthly magazine entitled "The Canadian Marksman." This magazine is published to further the promotion and encouragement of rifle shooting throughout the Dominion. Much valuable information is contained in its columns.—The Editor.

Brig. Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., made his annual inspection of the Cavalry Barracks on November 9th. After the dismounted parade in the afternoon General Armstrong presented the Long Service Medal to the following W.O. and N.C.O.'s:

Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell, R.C.D. (I.C.) who joined the Regiment on February 17th, 1905.

Sgt. J. King, R.C.D. Joined the 5th Royal Irish Lancers on February 22nd, 1901 and served with that unit until February 21st, 1913. He then took on with the Royal Canadian Dragoons on March 12th, 1913 and on September 24th, 1914, signed on with the R.C.D., C.E.F., serving overseas until July 7th, 1919, when he re-engaged in the Permanent Force.

Sgt. F. P. Hanaghan joined the Royal Army Service Corps on November 1st, 1902, serving with that unit until October 10th, 1915. On May 11th, 1916 he transferred to the 5th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards and at the time of the big push when cavalry were not needed, he served with the South Wales Borderers to April 4th, 1919 and afterwards with the Royal Fusiliers from June 25th 1919 to De-

cember 10th, 1919. He joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons on May 16th, 1920.

Cpl. A. Bentley, D.C.M., joined the Royal Horse Artillery on June 10th, 1897; he served with the gunners until February 24th, 1908. During that time he took part in the South African Campaign, being mentioned in despatches and gaining the Distinguished Conduct Medal, in September 1901. He joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps on August 19th, 1908, serving overseas with that unit until May 13th, 1919. He joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons on February 25th, 1922.

The Royal Winter Fair will be held in the Royal Coliseum, Exhibition Park, Toronto, from November 20th to November 28th, inclusive. Two officers and nine other ranks, with nine horses, are going from "A" Squadron, to compete in the various events, and incidentally show their comrades in the Queen City what the Rural Squadron can do.

Congratulations to Sgt. W. Campbell, M.M. and Mrs. Campbell on the arrival of a bonnie baby girl.

Major R. Nordheimer, M.C., has been taken on the strength of "A" Sqdn.

Things appear to have settled down in Mexico now that that country has been recognized by the United States. Yet many a Mexican will look back longingly to the old days when he never knew where the next bullet to hit him in the back was coming from.

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the above addresses, we should be  
grateful if the members would let  
us know so that the list may be  
kept up to date.

### ENTERTAINMENT AT R.M.R.'S MESS.

All participants at the game re-  
turned to the Sgts. Mess of the  
Royal Montreal Regiment, looking  
more as if they were returning  
from a bathing parade and mud  
bath, rather than a football match.  
However, after a general clean up,  
all were ready to partake of a  
sumptuous meal which had been  
very delicately arranged by H.Q.  
Mess, M.D. No. 4. At the sight of  
this, even S.M. Myers forgot his  
limp which had been so apparent  
previously. Sgt. Major R. Lash-  
leigh occupied the seat of honour  
and it fell to his lot to propose  
various toasts, he being such an  
able speaker, which fact he  
promptly admitted, did credit to  
the task, when good fortune or  
otherwise permitted him to be so  
placed. It was a sight fit for the  
gods, even Billy Brunelle condescended  
to "eat" an almost for-  
gotten art to him, according to his  
own statement, which of course we  
take with a pinch of salt.

The dinner over an impromptu  
concert was held, presided over by  
S/Sgt. G. C. Callicott, whose ora-  
tory once more proved that the pen  
is mightier than the sword, and the  
Corps to which he belongs is still  
capable of other things than that  
of pushing a pen.

An interesting feature of the  
programme was the rendition of

that voice of his.

They say that in the ranks of  
every army, much talent lies lat-  
ent, this saying proved itself be-  
yond a doubt on this occasion, for  
oratory ran amuck, and a speech  
by Billy Brunelle just before clos-  
ing was certainly well thought out,  
for in the course of his outpouring,  
his heart seemed too big for that  
chest of his, he continually, "felt  
with all his heart" and concluded  
by saying "we all hope to visit St.  
Johns in the near future, and  
when we get there we will be  
there." Needless to say his re-  
marks brought forth much ap-  
plause.

At the entertainment held in the  
Mess of the Royal Montreal Regt.  
on the evening of the football game  
played at Montreal, Sgt. J. Grin-  
ham, R.C.O.C., wrote the following  
parody on the game. It was sung  
by S/Sgt. G. E. Callicott, C.M.S.C.,  
in a very able manner to the air  
of "My little Grey Home in the  
West":—

When the football was thrown on  
the field  
And the soil was all sloppy and  
wet.

For the game may be tough and a  
little bit rough,

I forgot I'd played football before.  
The forwards, just then, made a  
pass,

It was then that I fell on my back;  
But the trials of the day, will be  
soon charmed away,

In the R.M.R.'s Mess in the West.

There are pals that will welcome  
us in

And the caretaker looks pretty  
slim,

On the corner of Green it will be  
all serene

And a thousand things other men  
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## Notes at Random.

General Sir Charles Harrington  
and his men arrived home last  
month from Turkey and received a  
great welcome on landing at South-  
ampton. When the British troops  
left Constantinople they were  
warmly applauded by the Turks, a  
tribute to the prestige of our  
Army. Indeed, General Harrington  
himself says, "We have left,  
with the flag of England, never  
higher."

Trouble similar to that which  
lately broke out between Italy and  
Greece is not unlikely to occur be-  
tween Russia and Finland. There  
have been some mysterious mur-  
ders in Karelia. The Russians  
hold the Finns responsible and  
have formulated their demands,  
which the Finns have declined to  
accept. It is impossible to say, at  
this stage, whether the difference  
will be settled peaceably.

There is a new product in Ire-  
land. Irish Cheddite is not a  
cheese, but is an explosive which  
is now being manufactured at the  
factory run by the Free State  
Chemical Corps.

After nearly forty years as a  
cavalry man, Earl Haig has at last  
become connected—officially, at  
any rate—with the "footslogger."  
He is now Colonel of the King's  
Own Scottish Borderers.

Ex-King Ferdinand, who is now  
reported to have become insane,  
was never a popular monarch, be-  
ing much too "stand-offish" for  
Balkan tastes. He once confided  
to a newspaper correspondent that  
he always had to wash his hands  
after shaking those of his Bulgar-  
ian Ministers.

An English aeroplane engine  
which can produce 1900 revolu-  
tions a minute has been ordered  
by the Mexican Government. This  
sounds to the "Goat" like sending  
coal to Glace Bay.

A "Northern Europe Govern-  
ment" has just bought a million  
gas masks from the surplus British  
stock. Re-sale to Russia or Ger-  
many according to the contract is  
prohibited, although how that  
would be prevented is not quite  
clear. Demand for instruments of  
gas warfare is not an encouraging  
peace sign.

## Bytown Bits.

38th Dinner.—The fall program of the 38th Ottawa Regiment started on the evening of the 23rd October when the officers of the regiment entertained at a perfectly appointed dinner in their mess at the Drill Hall. The commanding officer, Major W. S. Wood, D.S.O., was in the chair and the guests included the commanding officers of the city units and a number of the Headquarters staff of the Department of National Defence. The 38th Regt. is the reorganized 43rd Regiment, which next to the Guards, is the oldest infantry unit at the Capital. Nearly all the present officers of the Regiment saw service with the 38th Ottawa Battalion in the late war. The regiment was changed into a Highland battalion upon reorganization and has been doing good work. Major Wood, the present commanding officer, succeeds Lieut.-Col. Edward Olver, who has been moved to Toronto, where he has been appointed sales manager, for Ontario, of the Imperial Oil Company. Major Wood has had over 20 years' militia service in Ottawa.

Big Meet Mooted.—A proposition is on foot to hold a gathering of rifle shots of the British Empire in 1925 in Canada and the executive of the D.R.A., are engaged in pushing the matter along. A deputation including Sir Alex Bertram, Col. Douglas R. Street and several others interviewed the minister a short time ago and strongly urged that the proposed meet should receive the official and financial endorsement of the Dominion Government. It was pointed out among other things that Connaught Ranges with its large target accommodation was the one place to have it. The minister was thoroughly in sympathy with the views of the deputation and promised to bring the matter before his confreres.

Form Naval Reserve.—A Royal Canadian Naval Reserve of 500 officers and men is now being organized and it is expected that the selection of officers will be completed at an early date.

Registrars have been appointed at different districts to receive the applications of those who wish to ally themselves with the senior service. Headquarters will be established at Charlottetown, Halifax, Lunenburg, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Applicants are required to be British subjects and to live in Canada. They must not belong to any other reserve force

and sign an agreement to serve five consecutive years and in most cases must follow the sea as a profession.

Engineers Parade.—The 3rd F.C.C.E. have started in their fall work and are up to the training establishment allowed for the fiscal year. The present commanding officer is Major J. L. Melville, M.C. The 3rd Field Company was organized on July 1st, 1902, with the following officers: Major (now Col. R.C.E.) Paul Weatherbie; Capt. (now Brig. Gen. R.C.E. reserve) G. S. Maunsell; Lieut. (now Col., R.C.E.) A. Clyde Caldwell; Lieut. (now Lt. Col. reserve) C. P. Meredith; Lieut. E. P. Featherstonhaugh; Lieut. O. Higman (now retired). In July 1903 The Royal Canadian Engineers were organized with Col. Weatherbie in command, and Major Maunsell second in command. The command of the 3rd Field Company then fell to Lieut. C. P. Meredith, who received his majority. Major Meredith held command until June, 1908, when he was succeeded by Major (now Col., R.C.E. reserve) A. P. Deroche. On the 30th of November, 1912, Major Deroche joined the Royal Canadian Engineers, being succeeded in command of the 3rd Field Company by Major J. A. McKenna, who had first received his commission in the company in February, 1906.

Firm to the End.—An Ottawa lady writing to the papers gives a glowing account of seeing a young chicken pursued by a determined rooster casting itself to death under the wheels of a car. Death rather than dishonor was evidently this bird's motto. It may be the

answer to that query as to why a chicken crosses the road.

New Building.—The Dominion Government has recently purchased the large building owned by the Ottawa Wine Vault Company on George Street. It is said that the new property will be used for the storage of surplus Ordnance stores. How have the mighty fallen.

Has Command Extended.—The Canada Gazette announces that the tenure of command of Colonel J. R. Munro, as Brigadier of the 2nd Mounted Brigade, has been extended to the 18th January, 1925.

Presents Colours.—Before an audience numbering over several thousands, including officers high in military service and the church and civic dignitaries of Hull, His Excellency the Governor General, presented the colours to the Hull Regiment on Sunday the 3rd instant. The Governor General, attended by Major Hodgson and Major Archambault, and the Ladies Elizabeth and Mary Byng, arrived promptly at the hour of three amid the cheers of the concourse and the joyful pealing of the bells of the Church of Notre Dame nearby.

The Hull Regiment under command of Lieut. Col. R. Girard, Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, Croix de Guerre, was drawn up in review order and gave the Royal Salute. After the inspection of the regiment, the colours were blessed by the chaplain the Rev. Father J. J. Desjardins, former chaplain of the 22nd Battalion C.E.F., after which His Excellency made the presentation. The ceremony concluded with a march

past at which the Governor took the salute from the steps of the City Hall. Afterwards Col. Girard and officers entertained at the officers' mess.

Held Dinner.—The annual dinner of the 21st Battalion association was held at Aylmer on the evening of the 2nd instant. Brig. General W. St. P. Hughes presided.

Inspects Regiment.—Major General J. H. Elmsley, O.C. M.D. 3, inspected the Hull Regiment on the evening of the 25th October.

Trip to the West.—Lieut. Col. R. J. Birdwhistle, Secretary of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, has left on a trip to the western provinces, where he will confer with the officers of the various provincial rifle associations and leading officers of the Western Districts.

Valcartier Memorial.—The Rev. Canon Scott, of Quebec, is interesting officers of the National Defence Headquarters with a proposal to erect a Cross of Sacrifice at Valcartier. It is proposed to defray the cost by public subscription.

Tommy in Town.—Those members of the late lamented Canadian Cavalry Brigade, who used to be detailed for dismounted working parties in the golden days, will no doubt remember that pawky Scot, Captain F. C. Thomson of the Fort Garry Horse. Tommy used to get an earful of those jobs, as a certain O.C. of the regiment thought he detested them. As a matter of fact, Tommy had a jolly good time on working parties, and was always ready for another one.

unit. The officers occupied sleeping cars at the Bonaventure Station. A number of Ottawa officers accompanied the regiment.

Armistice Day.—Armistice Day passed off quietly at the Capital. A memorial service was held on Parliament Hill in the afternoon when wreaths were placed on the Cenotaph. Special reference was made to the significance of the day in the city churches.

Jumped On.—The officers of the Headquarters of the Department of National Defence and the officers of the garrison, received a polite reminder the other day from Personal Services, to the effect that there had been too much laxity in signing the book at Rideau Hall. As a result, extra mats had to be placed at the front door of that edifice, for a few days, to cope with the rush of muddy boots worn by officers, invading the place to do their duty.

Goes to Halifax.—Major P. E. Prideaux, R.C.O.C., was in Ottawa for a few days on his way from Esquimalt to Halifax, where he will take over the command of the Ordnance Depot. Major Prideaux has hosts of friends in the Capital, where he was stationed for many years at the Headquarters station.

The Explanation.—I had a terrible time the other night. I was in an immense bamboo forest with trees all around me. Some had one branch, others two, others had three, but none had more than nine. In the forest were sixteen dragons (not dragoons), four white, four silver, four green and four red. Large circles were all around and the wind was blowing North, East, South and West, all at the same time. No, I had not been over to Hull. It was all the result of a perfectly appointed late lobster supper, after struggling for several hours to master the multitudinous rules and regulations pertaining to Mah Jhong. Some game, believe me.

Our Hunters.—Charlie Olmstead has returned from a hunting trip up the Gatineau. All he brought back was a severe cold. Billy Maxwell is up at Thirty-One Mile Lake, at his lodge, and the deer are reported to be hitting the high spots for the tall uncut.

A Berkeley coed was asked by her English instructor what she had been reading during her summer vacation. After a visible, "Why, ah, now, I've read a fine book called Edgar Allan Poe."

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THE INOCULATION PARADE

I saw him in town the other day. He is located at Toronto at present and is as fit as ever.

Sydney Probe.—The members of the commission recently appointed to enquire into the conditions at Cape Breton have gone to that neck of the woods to look into matters on the ground.

Makes Presentation.—On the 26th of October at London, Eng., the Hon. George P. Graham, on behalf of a large number of officers of the C.E.F., presented the members of the Royal Automobile Club with a portrait of the club's chairman, Sir Arthur Stanley.

The interesting ceremony took place at a luncheon at which Sir Arthur Stanley presided, supported by the Swedish minister plenipotentiary in London, Baron E. K. Palmstierna; Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner in London, and Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu.

Hon. Mr. Graham, on behalf of the Canadian officers, expressed thanks for the courtesies shown the officers during the war. He said the hand of fellowship which had been given them demonstrated the true spirit of brotherhood and impressed the Canadian officers with the fact that they were all members of the great Empire.

The gift is the outcome of a desire on the part of the Canadian officers to show appreciation of hospitality and courtesies received in war time, when the club was a rendezvous of the officers from overseas.

The Canadians consulted members of the club as to the form their memento should take, and having learned that a portrait of the chairman, to hang in the club, would afford the greatest pleasure, the services of Solomon Joseph Solomon, R.A., to paint Sir Arthur's portrait were secured.

Staff Course Lectures.—Lieut. Col. F. O. Hodgins, D.S.O., G.S.O., 3rd Division, opened the fall and winter course of Staff Course lectures, in the Drill Hall on Monday the 5th instant. Two lectures will be given each week for the balance of the course. About 15 officers of the garrison are trying to qualify for the brass hat brigade.

Went to Montreal.—The Hull Regiment under command of Lt. Col. R. Girard, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre, left for a three day visit to Montreal on the 10th instant. The regiment were guests of the 65th Regiment, the men being quartered in the armouries of that

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"Poppy Day" (Armistice Day)

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in Canada was started with a most worthy object, the support of the orphan children in France, and is now being conducted for distress cases amongst our own Canadian families. In 1921 Madame Guerin of France, visited Canada with the proposition, which was adopted, that Canada hold "Poppy Day" on Nov. 11th, and each citizen wear a silken poppy, the cost of the work to go to the orphans of France, who made the poppies, and forty per cent. remain for Canadian distress cases. After the first year the scheme was taken up locally, and now all the funds are used in Canada. During the past two years the disabled veterans have made thousands of the little flowers, and it is hoped that as the institution becomes permanent that disabled veterans of Canada, the orphans and widows will be kept busy on the huge task of supplying all Canada. That little poppy stirs the blood not only in the veins, but in the memory of the world war.

The boys are buried beneath the poppies, and may we never break faith with the dead. The poppies are as sacred to us on Nov. 11th as a floral tribute we lay on the grave of our dearest one.

### Has Formed Half Sections.

The marriage of Cpl. Shoeingsmith F. Sturgess to Miss E. Robertson, of Toronto, took place at the Garrison Church on Saturday, November 3rd, 1923. He was presented, as a token of esteem by the Farriers of "B" Squadron, R.C.D., with an Electric Toaster. Cpl. Sturgess served from 1914 to 1919 with the Staffordshire Regiment and is a true type of British soldier. Coming to Canada after the war he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and being in possession of a Shoeingsmith's certificate (Aldershot) was placed in the forge.

Perhaps some of the pre-war members of "B" Squadron will recall his brother who served in the 4th Troop, "B" Sqn, R.C.D.; he purchased his discharge to go West farming, but again answered the call in 1914, enlisting with the 8th Batt., C.E.F. He rose to the Commissioned rank in his Regiment, and made the supreme sacrifice. He was an ex-5th Lancer.

We wish Cpl. and Mrs. Sturgess the very best of luck.

Lt. Col. T. C. Evans, M.C., and Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., visited General Lessard at his farm on Wednesday the 31st ult.

The Minister of National Defense and the Adjutant General paid a brief visit to Barracks last week.

"B" Squadron, R.C.D., are to put on a Musical Ride for the Royal Winter Fair, to be held from the 20th to 28th November, on the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds, Toronto.

### Royal Canadian Dragoons—"B" Squadron Sports.

The following are the winners of the various events published in last month's issue of "The Goat":

Best Turn Out—1st, Tpr. Webb, E.; 2nd, Tpr. Crowe, M.; 3rd, Tpr. Edgell, J.

N.C.O.'s Jumping—1st, Sgt. Sayger, C.; 2nd, S.S.M. Copeland, J., D.C.M.; 3rd, L/Cpl. McKeown, E. W., M.M.; 4th, L/Cpl. Blake R.

Men's Dummy Thrusting—1st, Tpr. Hachey, J.; 2nd, Tpr. Dutton, J.; 3rd, Tpr. Wynn, J.; 4th, Tpr. Webb, E.

Men's Jumping—1st, Tpr. Conway, P. J.; 2nd, Tpr. Maloney, M., D.C.M.; 3rd, Tpr. Hachey, J.; 4th, Tpr. Taylor, G.

Bareback Wrestling—1st, 1st Troop; 2nd, 2nd Troop.

N.C.O.'s Dummy Thrusting—1st, L/Cpl. Blake, R.; 2nd, S.S.M. Copeland, J., D.C.M.; 3rd, Sgt. Buell, A.; 4th, Sgt. Hallett, J. M.

V. C. Race—1st, Tpr. Fallon, T.; 2nd, Tpr. Alderson, C.; 3rd, Tpr. Hachey, J.; 4th, Tpr. Taylor, G.

Half Section Jumping—1st, Tpr. Sayger and L/Cpl. McKeown; 2nd, Tprs. Fallon and Hachey; 3rd, S.S.M. Capeland and Tpr. Webb.

Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D., gave a prize in addition to the above for the competitor with the highest points on closing of the sports. This was awarded to Tpr. J. Hachey.

The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Gilman at the conclusion of the Sports.

After the presentation of prizes, Lieut. Col. F. Gilman, D.S.O., Officer Commanding, Royal Canadian Dragoons, presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to Troopers Cox and Walters.

### Inter-Troop Football.

1st Troop, after defeating 2nd, 3rd and 4th Troops, won the "B" Squadron, R.C.D. Inter-Challenge Cup, for the year 1923. Lt. Col. F. Gilman, D.S.O., presented the Cup to the winners on Nov. 6th, 1923. The Cup was originally presented by Majors Timmis and Baty to encourage sportsmanlike competition between troops, whilst at Petawawa Camp, 1921.

### Wearing of Great Cloaks.

After careful consideration by a few eminent Troopers of "B"

Squadron, re the present cloak worn by them, it was decided that the cloak was very smart and suitable for their work, in fact it had been noticed that garbage men cast envious glances on this garment. The Corporal presiding dropped STONE dead.

### A Night of All Nights.

Whilst the Regiment was in France an amusing incident happened to two of its worthy members, one of which is at present serving with "B" Squadron and the other is residing in Detroit, U.S.A.

It happened while the Regiment was camped in the woods in rear of Albert, 1918, the place around which Fritz bombed every night, and everybody's nerves were on edge, so one of the worthy members determined to have at least one good night's sleep went on a foraging expedition and returned with two bottles of the best Scotch procurable, where he got them from, we must leave that for "B" Squadron Intelligence Department to find out, but we do know that about 9.30 p.m. both were in the arms of Morpheus; German planes and bombs held no terror for them. It was "C" Squadron going to water the next morning that woke them up and one of them holding his head enquired of the passers by, "What time did Jerry come over last night," and was calmly told that "He did not come at all."

I shall not mention what the two worthy members said, but their objective was defeated, and all they got out of this, was a good night and a big head next morning. Upon investigation it was found that the member still serving as referred to above, is of well known nobility and of Welsh descent. (No names no pack drills.)

### Regimental R.C.D. Memorial Tablet, Stanley Barracks.

On Armistice Day the Regimental Memorial Tablet was decorated with wreaths of poppies. The idea originated from the R.C.D. Sergeants' Mess, and the Sergeants Mess of "B" Squadron, the R.C.R. immediately voted to do likewise, which act is considered by all ranks of the Squadron here as a most gracious one and significant of not only the "bon comradie" existing between the two units stationed here, but also characteristic of the strong regard, and acknowledgement, both portions of two gallant regiments have for each other's glorious war records.

At a Civic meeting recently held here in Toronto, Major Bert Wemp, D.F.C., R.A.F., who is on

the Board of Education, outlined what would be done with regard to perpetuating for all time to come the sacrifices made by Canadians for the Empire's cause in the late war, and it is through the medium of Poppy Day that the 100,000 children now being educated in Toronto both in the Public and Separate schools, will be taught and annually reminded, resulting in an everlasting memory of the glorious part played by their countrymen in the cause of liberty. The scheme is to have on Armistice Day a wreath of Poppies, and the flag displayed in the schools before which all children will be paraded, after which the principal of the school, if he is a returned soldier, or someone who fought in France or any of the war zones give a short lecture to them, not necessarily of the sordid kind or a gruesome talk that might tend to instil the wrong kind of British ideal,—hate—but to instruct them what a glorious thing it was for Canada, and how well her men upheld the Empire's cause. Also the poem will be read to them and clearly defined, so that Poppy Day becoming a day to be looked forward to by them, will also be a medium through which to build them loyal citizens.

#### 3,000 MEN IN LINE ON ARMISTICE DAY.

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#### MANY WAR VETERANS.

Lord Byng Took the Salute and Complimented the Various Units.

Toronto, to the memory of the heroes who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, was the keystone of the services in Toronto churches on Armistice Day. The occasion was fittingly honoured by the various military units and ex-service men.

Special services were held in fifteen churches, and at Convocation Hall with military units in attendance. Following the services the various regiments and ex-service detachments reassembled at University Ave. and Elm street, and marched past the Military Institute, where His Excellency, Lord Byng took the salute. Within the roped area at the saluting base were Colonel Commandant of Military District No. 2, Lieut. Col. A. H. Borden, D.S.O., General Sir William Otter, Sir Henry Pellatt,

Brigadier General McCuaig, Sir Edward Kemp, Brigadier General Robert Rennie, Brigadier General John Gunn, Lieut. Colonel John A. Currie and many other prominent citizens.

His Excellency was deeply interested in the marching of the men, many of whom displayed on their khaki tunics decorations won in France and Flanders.

#### Toronto Pays Tribute to Her Soldier Dead.

The Cenotaph erected in front of the City Hall was covered with magnificent wreaths and beautiful flowers. Beside the wreaths from next of kin were placed floral tributes from those organizations and associations who played such a worthy part during the dark days of war in lending comfort and assistance to the disabled and to the dependents of the fallen.

Among the floral tributes so placed were those from the Officer Commanding and Officers, Royal Canadian Dragoons; Sergeants' Mess, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Going Down—If your brains won't get you into print, you can always sign a patent medicine testimonial and grab off some publicity for your stomach.—Toronto Telegram.

#### The Last Post.

The ready wit of a certain Medical Corps W.O. II., was demonstrated recently at an inoculation parade, when a certain N.C.O., employed in the Q.M. Stores, remarked: "We who live on this side of the river should not have to be inoculated as our drinking water on the St. Johns side is free from typhoid germs." The answer came without hesitation: "As far as I know it does not make much difference what side of the river you live on, you don't drink water anyway."

An attached N.C.O., to a bored assembly of the members of the Scts. Mess.—"Some of you fellows should take a few lessons in voice culture. Now, you ought to hear me give an order." Sergeants' Mess Caterer:—"Yes, I think we would like to hear you give an order, all right, all right."

This yarn has just arrived from Constantinople. Two Tommies went into a restaurant one day and said to the waiter: "We want Turkey with Greece." The waiter replied: "Sorry, we can't Servia." "Well, then, get the Bosporous." The boss came in and

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heard the order and then said: "I don't want to Russia, but you can't Rumania." They were not a Paraguay Tommies as they went away Hungary, saying, they never sausaged a place, and wishing they were at Frankfort or Bologna, where they could Havre a decent meal. But they longed most to get

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back to "Old Blighty" to Sandwich, as they were bred and mustered there.

A sailor home on leave was telling his friends about the rigid discipline on board ship, as an example he cited an incident which happened on one occasion:—A cook's-mate was passing along the deck towards the galley, carrying a pound of butter on a plate, when the ship suddenly took a list to starboard. The officer in charge of the deck placed the man under arrest, charging him with "carrying a pound of butter at a dangerous angle."

Cpl. Bently with a few friends took a walk, until "Bill" was ready to "open up," to see how the work was progressing on the Polo Field. Turning to one of his "school" he remarked: "When they have finished ploughing the field they will level it off by harrowing it with a fine pointed plough."

Two Irishmen were digging holes for the purpose of planting the shade trees around the barracks. Q.M.S.I. Maughan came along and inquired: "How is it Pat, although you and Mike started work together he has a bigger pile of earth than you?" "Sure," was the quick retort, "he's diggin' a bigger hole."

A well-known General—a stickler for uniformity—stopped opposite a very portly trooper whose medal-ribbon was an inch or so too low down. Fixing the man with his eye, the General asked: "Did you get that medal for eating, my man?" On the trooper replying "No, sir," the General rapped out: "Then why the deuce do you wear it on your stomach?"

It was not fair of Tommy Howe to be in the way when the ball glanced off his shoulder into his own goal, on the return game played at Montreal, between H.Q. M.D. 4 and Sgt. Mess "A" Sqn. R.C.D. Sgt. Sprostine was quite upset about it when he remarked to Q.M.S.I. Doyle—that it was a d—shame, as, if Tommy had not been in the way, the ball would have dropped right at his toe and he could have scored a beautiful goal.

General (at manoeuvres) "Why the dickens didn't you send your Platoon to the left of the wood?" Sub.: "I gave the order, sir, but apparently I've been misunderstood." General: "Sir, a man who can't make his subordinates understand him is an infernal fool."



#### H.Q., M.D. No. 4 vs. Sgt. Mess, R. C. D.

This conflict took place on that famous site at St. Johns, Que., where so many "battles royal" have been fought, with the 'Draggs' victorious, the result being three goals to one. Yet, for the vanquished it was a glorious defeat, which will doubtless go down in the annals of such a regiment as the Royal Canadian Dragoons, with much pardonable pride and glorification. We give the following details of the aforesaid with much pride and gratification, for the result far outdid even the wildest imagination. The line-up of the warriors was as follows:

Sgt. Mess—Sgt. F. P. Hanaghan, goal; Sgt. W. Campbell, S.S.M. G. Smith, backs; Tommy Howe, capt., Sgt. Inst. G. C. Hopkinson, S.M.A. J. Mountford, half-backs; Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, Sgt. J. Langley, Sgt. T. Sheehy, S.Q. M.S. J. Snape, Sgt. J. King, forwards. Reserves—Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell and S/Sgt. 'Nobby' Ellis.

H.Q., M.D. No. 4—Sgt. Fish, goal; S.M. Abrey, S.M. Brown, backs; S.M. Myers, Sgt. Thwaites, Sgt. Jackson, half backs; Sgt. Benford, Sgt. Burton, Sgt. Kevins, S.M. Todd, Sgt. Sprostine, forwards. Reserve, Sgt. Charlie Shaw.

The great moment arrived at 3 p.m., referee Mr. Ellis, a referee of the John C. Lewis type, yet nevertheless a good reliable, sounded the 'fall in.' and the approaching armies, which gave every appearance of a fine body of men, got away to a good start, amidst the lusty cheers of Sgt. Major 'Dick' Lashley and others, who had the supreme pleasure of viewing the contest. Open order soon superseded 'close formation,' and many 'misses' were registered, especially by S.M. Myers, possibly

Do you understand meg?" Sub.: "No, Sir."—(Punchj.)

A very optimistic remark was made one evening last week while two N.C.O.'s, one a Cpl. and the other a W.O. II. were on their way home. The Cpl. remarked, we will soon be pretty near frozen by the wind as we come down this sidewalk. The W.O. II. replied: "Oh, it won't be so bad when the trees grow up."

due to the night-cap which he was wearing, to keep the flies off his "Quiff," still he has the making of quite a player, with a little practice. The armies were very well matched, for during the first fifteen minutes of the game no casualties in the form of goals occurred.

Much counter attacking on the part of the "Draggs" brought them nearer their objective, when, amidst great odds, Sgt. Fish, doing sentry-go, between the goal posts, woke up to find he had been caught unawares and a beautiful centre from S.M. 'Paddy' Doyle, on the right wing, enabled Sgt. Sheehy to register the first goal for the 'soldiers.' A fresh offensive was then put into effect by the 'Penpushers,' and in view of the fact that they were now at a loss, gave them greater impetus to further action and renewed vigour, whereupon Sgt. Major Brown came to the forward line, like his Ford car 'spark plug' taking a steep grade. Sgt. Major Doyle made a flying leap at him, but had to wait to pick up his International Cap, it would appear that he could not kick the ball with that cap on, for each occasion was prepared with a deep breath, cap in hand, and by the time he had performed these preliminaries an opponent had captured the ball. Sgt. Langley missed some splendid opportunities at this stage of the game, he, after his sojourn in Kingston, was apparently much fatigued with that strenuous P.T. course. Likewise, Jack Snape, was not in good form, the overtime he puts in working on Stores Accounts, had its contrary effect when it came to outdoor tactics, and he will no doubt agree, that the two are entirely different.

Things at this stage of the game were not looking any too brilliant for either army, both being heavily pressed, when at the opportune moment the "human hairpin" came tearing down through 'No man's land,' we were reminded of the saying, judging from the appearance of his 'nickers,' that, "Father's pants will soon fit Billy." Great credit is due our advocate of the "social side," on the splendid game he played.

The admiral of the fleet, Tommy Howe, who did such brilliant work during the summer with his fleet

of motor boats on their voyage of discovery, evidently found that to play football and command a motor boat are entirely different, for his surplus flesh was telling against him as the game progressed, in fact, there were others, he would no doubt say.

Another charge along the right wing was pulled off by the Cavalry, Q.M.S.I. Doyle again centering the ball to Sgt. Sheehy and Sgt. Fish once again let the ball slide past him. Shortly afterwards the whistle sounded half time with the score two to nothing in favour of the Soldiers. During this period the scene on the field reminded one of a Spanish Bull Fight.

The "fall in" sounded, and away they went again, by this time the ball was wondering who was to roll over it next. Sgt. Major Brown attempting a long shot found that regimental boots and football boots are very much at variance. After a ding dong fight up and down the field, Sgt. Langley after a hard struggle scored the third goal for the soldiers. At this stage it was apparent that the "Penpushers" had to get down to open warfare and adopt suitable tactics, in order to regain lost ground and score at least once, after a good deal of manoeuvring by Sgt. Sprostain, who played a hard game, and, he, being well versed in modern tactics, a goal was scored in favour of the visitors. This had the desired effect and much encouraged, new life sprung into existence, so much so that Sgt. Thwaites kicked himself out, and a truce of short duration was declared by the referee. All were glad to learn that his injury was not of a serious nature, this should have been realized, as the famous "society entertainer" and "poultice wallah," S/Sgt. Scrivens remained at his post on the side line. This N.C.O. is always on the job when it comes to anything relating to the duties of a surgeon, but his eagle eye must have noted that the player could not have been badly hurt as the injury was self inflicted.

We must not forget to mention in despatches, our two "Gingerbeers" S.M. Todd, Capt. of the visiting team, and S.M. Abrey, who played an excellent game. S.M. Todd declined to change locations and retired to the back line, a movement he should have made earlier in the "scrap," and the result would possibly have been different. S.M. Abrey seemed to have great difficulty in keeping his socks up and his shin pads on, due no doubt to his recent promotion.

The contest proceeded, and from now on it was a case of Darwin's theory "Survival of the fittest," and many survived. Time and

space does not permit to mention everyone in despatches, yet they are nevertheless not forgotten. Just to quote the name of another "star," namely S.S.M. Smith: "Charley" was not in his element, somehow, we did not hear his "musical voice." Summarizing this "war game and Tactical exercises," it must be admitted that a splendid exhibition of soccer, as played in days of yore, was displayed, and it reflects much credit upon the promoters of this never to be forgotten "spectacular occasion."

After the "battle," the "as per usual" pilgrimage was made to the Sgts. Mess, where the well known hospitality of this finest Mess in the service, was once again in evidence. The visitors were treated royally and no effort was spared in making everyone feel at home. A sumptuous dinner was partaken of, after which, an impromptu concert was given, several members of both teams contributing numbers, too numerous to mention. One feature, worthy of note, was S.S.M. Smith's impersonation of a costermonger selling bananas, to the tune of that now famous song—"Yes, we have no Bananas," needless to say this was given much applause.

Trooper Chandler's rendition of "Souvenir" was very well played he indeed is wasting his time playing "Rag," possibly he will remember the touching reference to him in a recent issue of the "Goat." The great event came all too soon to a conclusion and we are more than ever of the opinion that much talent is lying latent within the sacred precincts of the Sergeants' Mess "A" Sqn. R.C.D., and I am sure I voice the sentiments of all who participated in saying that we thoroughly appreciated the hospitality given, thus the curtain is rung, concealing a scene long to be remembered by all who had the pleasure of viewing the play.

G. E. C.

#### "A" SQN. INTER-TROOP CHALLENGE CUP.

On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 8, the First and Second Troops met to decide which should play the Third Troop, which had drawn a "bye," for the Cup. The game was very keenly contested, there being no score when the whistle sounded for time. Twenty minutes extra time was then played and after a very hard, fast game, resulted in a scoreless draw. The outstanding player of the game was Trooper Wentworth, second troop, whose brilliant defence work almost created a panic amongst the ranks of the First Troop. Trooper McCleary kept goal in an able manner and Cpl. Harris worked hard

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in the forward line; Cpl. Jennings shone on several occasions, but the pace was to fast for his wind.

For the First Troop Trooper Campbell in goal made some clever saves; Hopewell promises to make a player if taken in hand; he is a bit green at the game yet; L/Cpl Stanyar played a good game and might have scored had he received more support from the other forwards who seemed to be doing a lot of running about, but very little work. Sgt. Campbell played up to his usual standard. The game was refereed by Q.M.S.I. Doyle, who handled the situation in a very able manner.

1st Troop—Tpr. Campbell, goal; Tprs. Kelly, Gordon, backs; Tprs. Cassidy, Hopewell, Poulin, half backs; Tpr. Phillips, Sgt. Campbell, L/Cpl. Stanyar, Cpl. Sargent, Tpr. Chandler, forwards.

2nd Troop — Tpr. McCleary, goal; Tpr. Wentworth, Tptr. Conners, backs; Tprs. Short, McKerral, Barrie, half backs; Tprs. Wheeler, T. Shaw, Cpl. Harris, Cpl. Jennings, Tpr. Green, forwards.

#### 1st Troop vs. 2nd Troop.

The replayed game between these troops took place on Saturday, Oct. 20th, and resulted in a

win for the First Troop, the score being 1-0. This goal was scored from a penalty kick awarded to the first troop owing to Barrie handling the ball in the penalty area. As in the previous game the play was fast and furious, and were it not for this penalty kick it would probably have again resulted in a draw. The first troop will now play the third troop for the Challenge Cup. The interest shown by the players in these games was very keen, and was the means of bringing a number of players to the notice of the spectators. Tpr. Phillips was the shining light of this game and his efforts deserved better results.

H.Q. M.D. No. 4 vs. Sgts. Mess, "A" Sqn. R.C.D.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24th, the Sgts. Mess football team journeyed to Montreal to play the return game with H.Q. M.D. No. 4. The visitors were entertained to luncheon at 50 Bishop Street. The weather was most unpleasant—it rained nearly all day—and certain members of the visiting team advanced tentative suggestions as to the desirability of cancelling the game and taking in a show instead; but the hardy "penmen" steadily

insisted that the day was an ideal one for football, bringing out as it did that spirit of indomitable determination which is a characteristic of the Canadian soldier.

At 2.30 p.m. in pouring rain, and on a field which appeared to be an "Archipelago," the opposing teams lined up:-

H.Q.—Sgt. Grinham, goal; S.M. Abrey, S.M. Musk, backs; Sgt. Jackson, Sgt. Thompson, Sgt. Twaites, half backs; S.M. 'Nobby' Clark, Sgt. Boisseau, Sgt. Leach, S.M. Myers, Sgt. Sprostion, forwards.

R.C.D.—Sgt. Langley, goal; S.S.M. Smith, Tommy Howe, backs; Q.M.S. Mauchan, S.M.A. Mountford, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, half-backs; Sgt. King, S.Q.M.S. Snape, Sgt. Sheehy, S/Sgt. Hill, Q.M.S.I. Doyle, forwards.

The visitors won the toss and elected to play with the 'mud.' From the kick-off the home team pressed but S.S.M. Smith cleared with a timely kick; Sheehy obtained the ball and ran it towards the home goal, passed it to Jack Snape, who slipped the first score past H.Q.'s goalie. End to end play ensued neither side having too much of the play; all worked hard, and some worked harder to avoid working. Shortly before half-time, Tommy Howe doubtlessly sympathizing with the 'pen-

pushers' in their honest but fruitless endeavour kicked the ball passed Langley to equalize the score. Half time—H.Q. 1, R.C.D. 1.

The Montreal team was far superior in the second half, and after a period of constant aggressiveness, during which the visiting defence played very pluckily, Leach scored, with a beautiful first time drive. The game continued with the home team attacking and the visitors maintaining a resolute defence, till in the last minute Sheehy 'got through' and attempted to knock both ball and goalie into the net; from the scrimmage the ball rebounded to 'Tom' King who passed to Snape, the latter scoring with a hard drive.

Final score—H.Q. 2; R.C.D. 2.

The game was handled in a very able manner by the referee, S.Q. M.S. C. W. Rowbotham, the R.C.R.

On the run of the play, the home team were perhaps the better team, their inability to force a decisive result must be attributed to the fact that S.S.M. Smith and Tommy Howe were "a host in themselves" Tommy playing with a "gay abandon" and Charlie with "grim tenacity."

#### Inter-Troop Cup Final.

On Saturday, Oct. 27th, in ideal weather, the First and Third

Troops, "A" Squadron, R.C.D., faced each other on the football field to decide who should hold the "Cup" for the present season.

1st Troop—Tpr. Campbell, goal; Sgt. W. Campbell, S.S.M. Smith, backs; Tpr. Hopewell, Cpl. Barker, Tpr. Poulin, half-backs; L/Cpl. Stanyard, Tpr. Kelly, Tpr. Gordon, Tpr. Phillips, Tpr. Cassidy, forwards.

3rd Troop—Sgt. Hannaghan, goal; Lt. Hammond, Cpl. Gilmore, backs; Tpr. Bilton, Tpr. Wood, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, half-backs; Tpr. Lawrence, Tpr. Rowe, Sgt. Sheehy, Tpr. Dawkes, Tpr. Jewkes, forwards.

The 1st Troop won the toss and decided to play with the sun in their eyes. From the whistle the 3rd troop pressed and forced the ball behind for a goal-kick. Lawrence obtained the ball from the goal-kick and passed to Sheehy, who ran through and scored. After some mid-field play Lawrence took the ball down the wing and centred close in, Dawkes moving in rapidly, met the ball and slipped it past Campbell. The game now became more open in character, many hard knocks were exchanged but everything was of a sporting nature; both defences were clearing splendidly. The 3rd troop gained another goal as a result of a good combination amongst

the forwards, Rowe finishing the movement with a perfect shot, which had Campbell beat all the way.

Half-time—3rd Troop 3, 1st Troop 0.

Jewkes getting the ball from the centre carried it down the field and centred for Rowe to score in the first minute of the second half. The 1st Troop then came into the picture, Kelly and Stanyar being prominent in several dangerous movements, but Lt. Hammond and Cpl. Gilmore were equal to their task. The play in this half was very keen and of an even nature. No further goals being scored, the final whistle sounded with the score—3rd Troop 4, 1st Troop 0.

Trooper McCleary of the 2nd Troop, acted as referee in a very efficient manner.

The "A" Squadron Inter-Troop Challenge Cup was presented by Capt. A. H. Powell, R.C.D. in 1909 when it was won by the 3rd Troop. It was not played for again until 1920 when it was also won by the 3rd Troop and now for the third time, in 1923, the 3rd Troop is again victorious. It would appear in spite of the lapse of years that the standard of football played by this troop has not depreciated. Good old 3rd Troop. Capt. Powell who presented the Cup is now Col. A. H. Powell, D.A. & Q.M.G., M.D. No. 6, Halifax.

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